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SUBJ: FAO: DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA CALLS FOR SHORT-TERM GAIN
SUPPLY MANAGEMENT BY MAJOR EXPORTERS.

REF: ROME 14005

FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL BOERMA HELD SPECIAL MEETING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES TO FAO PRIOR TO RELEASE STATEMENT TO PRESS ON GRAVITY OF WORLD FOOD SITUATION AND PROPOSALS FOR INTERNATIONAL ACTION. IN SUMMARY, BOERMA'S STATEMENT A PLEAS FOR CONCERTED INTERNATIONAL ACTION TOWARD "EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION EXISTING GRAIN SUPPLIES." IF THIS DOES NOT OCCUR, BOERMA SAYS, HE FEARS FOR OUTCOME WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. BOERMA PLACES MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SHORT-RANGE (1YEAR) WITH MAJOR EXPORTERS WHICH, HE SAYS, MUST "TAKE MEASURES TO ENSURE ORDERLY MANAGEMENT" OF AVAILABLE SUPPLIES BY SETTING ASIDE ENOUGH GRAIN TO MEET URGENT NEEDS UNTIL NEXT YER'S MAIN CROPS IN NORTHERN HEMISPHERE ARE HARVESTED (JULY - OCTOBER 1975). BOERMA EMPHASIZES FAO CAPABILITY MEET CHALLENGE IN MULTILATERAL AREA; EMPHASIZES UNCLASSIFIED

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CANNOT LEAVE PROBLEM TO MARKET SYSTEM ALONE. POINT OF SPECIAL

STATEMENT IS TO UNDERLINE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION RATHER THAN
WAIT FOR LONG-TERM ACTION OF WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE. WILL SEEK
VIEWS GOVERNMENTS DIRECTLY AND POSSIBLY AT COMMITTEE ON COMMODITY
PROBLEMS.

/COMMENT/: THIS WOULD CONFIRM BOERMA'S SKEPTICISM REGARDING
WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL. FULL TEXT BOERMA
STATEMENT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.BEAUDRY

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